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STANTON.

(By P. O. Derthick.)

Mrs. Bettie Hardwick returned Tuesday from Winchester where she has been visiting her son, J. H. Hardwick.

Miss Sarah Brashear and Mrs. C. L. Eversole were in Winchester Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Robert Ewen and her brother George Derickson were in Lexington on a shopping trip Tuesday.

Miss Mintie Willoughby left Tuesday for Winchester where she will stay with her Uncle George Porter and family for several days. Mr. Porter is very sick with rheumatism.

Mrs. Henry Daniels has a new piano that was put in her home this week by a Lexington firm.

Miss Lillie Perl Johnson left Tuesday for her home at Malaga to await the result of an exposure for measles. She will return if they do not develop. Beldon Sears of Clay City has a good case of them and had to go to the Home.

Mr. Frank Russell of Louisville made a business trip to Old Furnace to look after his oil interest. Mr. Russell is greatly interested in Powell County and says that he has to have the Times to keep in touch with what is going on.

The Thirteenth District Convention of the Christian Church will be held at Jackson June 2nd to the 4th. It is desired that as many from Stanton and Clay City and other points in Powell County attend. This is going to be one of the best convention ever held. Such speakers as Pres.

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Attended Convention.

Mesdames G. Hackworth, A. M. Burgher, W. C. Martin and H. Waldron attended the Union Christian Endeavor Convention at Lexington last week, as delegates from Clay City. They report that the meeting was an excellent one, and that some splendid results were achieved.



Judge M. A. Phillips

Latest reports from the home of M. A. Phillips, formerly of Stanton, but who is now living in Louisville, state that his condition is quite serious, and only slight hopes are held out for his recovery.

Rev. L. F. Martin closed a big meeting at the church on Cat Creek, near Rosslyn, some Sunday ago, with 12 additions. And he had 12 additions last Sunday at his regular service at Rogers Chapel, baptizing 8 of them. Wonder if the Apostolic Number will turn up in the additions at Pine Grove in Clark, where he begins a protracted meeting next Saturday.

Owing to the greatly increased cost of paper, ink, and other material used in getting out a newspaper, we must ask all our subscribers who are in arrears to pay up. Look at the date on your paper and if you are in arrears send us Fifty Cents to advance it.

The School Question

Clay City Times:

In a recent issue of your paper, I saw a statement made by our County Superintendent of Schools which said:

"The entire amount of school tax, both property and poll, going to the public school fund, after the Sheriff turns in his delinquent list, will be in round numbers about \$2,700.00, owing to the amount of delinquents."

We also noticed in last week's issue of your contemporary, while trying to bolster up an incorrect statement he had published in regard to this fund, he would have the public believe that this amount is \$2,994.64, and just to satisfy myself, while in Stanton last week, I went to the Court-house and find that the Sheriff's settlement which was filed in the Clerk's office, shows the total amount collected by him for school purposes was \$2,708.73. I think this is mighty near "about \$2,700.00," as stated by our Superintendent. This is the only fund that could be cut in two by the Board of Education and Board of Commissioners of our county and, of course, would be only \$1,354.37 then.

He criticizes severely when anyone leaves off part of his statement, but he is a Past Master at the game, and lo, and behold! he leaves off the poll tax when he goes to make his division, which is school tax just the same as the other. Then he adds more to it than he cuts off, and the greater part of it not school tax, but paid out of the levy for county purposes. Cutting \$2,708.73 in two and making it leave \$3,000.00, is some stunt, but he must have used the same system as when he said—

"It cost Adair county, including Superintendent's salary, and all other expenses, to send 3649 pupils to 89 schools daily the term, \$3,465.03."

On page 183 of Ky. School Report we see there the salary of Adair's Superintendent was \$1,000.00 per year. We don't know what the "other expenses" amounted to, but just take off the \$1,000.00 and it leaves \$2,465.03 to be divided between 89 schools, which would be a little less than \$27.70 for each school. That would not pay the salary of one teacher one month!

So you see how ridiculous such a statement, and there is just as much in most of the others he makes in regard to schools of the county. Some party writing in these columns stated a few days ago that we should not expect anything favorable toward public schools to appear in that paper, and we feel sure now that he knew what he was talking about.

Again, he goes back to report made in 1912, which report only includes 8 months of that year, as the present incumbent took charge in the fall of 1911 and the report was made as of June, 1912, and compares it with full year's report of 1915. In 1914, trustees who took the census had to wait for their money and the 1914 census, amounting to \$106.30, was paid in 1915, as well as for taking 1915 census, which amounted to \$112.75, making disbursement larger than usual. All of this can be found in the settlements filed in the Clerk's office and there is a voucher showing to whom and for what every cent of the school fund was paid. The Superintendent has nothing to do with changing boundaries or allowing claims as they have no vote, except in case of

E. N. Wilson.

Edward N. Wilson, known to all in Clay City as "Uncle Ed" passed peacefully away shortly after noon Sunday last, May 7. Mr. Wilson was 76 years of age and a veteran of the Civil war, having served in the Union army. For the past thirty years he had resided here, having been for a long time engineer at the old mill across the river, and later at the Swann-Day mill.

He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Mollie Baker; and by four children, James, of Florida, Eddie who lived at home, Mrs. Birdie Anderson, of Mt. Sterling and Mrs. Maude Vaughn, of Connersville Ind.

The funeral took place Tuesday morning, services being held at the Presbyterian church by Rev. J. C. Hanley and Rev. J. W. Kerstetter. Services at the grave in the Clay City cemetery were conducted by the Masons, of which deceased had been a member for over thirty years. As a token of respect all business houses in the town were closed during the services.

Ball Team Organized.

The Clay City Ball Club organized for the season a few days ago, and the prospects are that we will have a team that will clean up many of those in this end of the state. The lineup has not been definitely fixed yet, but among those in line to play are Ray White, Crate Johnson, Bryce Kincaid, Shelby Martin, Austin Johnson, Jake Hutchison, Roy Bowman, Geo. Derickson, Chas. Grooms, Cordis Larson, Lyle Hazelrigg and Everett Highley.

Arrangements are under way to secure grounds for playing on and several games have already been spoken for.

Parents Allow Child to Die.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Strange jr. died a few days ago at their home on Hardwicks Creek, after it had received treatment from the father and mother, along the lines laid down by the "Divine Healers". Although the little one had been ill for some days no medicine of any kind was given it, but Dr. W. C. Martin was called to diagnose the ailment, and he told the parents that it had developed spinal meningitis from teething trouble, and that unless it received immediate treatment it would die, but that he could relieve its suffering and possibly effect a complete cure, by treating it. This the parents refused to allow him to do, declining even to give the child a laxative although it had a high fever and was suffering considerable pain. As a part of the treatment the mother had fasted for several days, and consequently had no nurse for the child, and in its weakened condition it was unable to assimilate any other food.

Strange is a well to do farmer on Hardwicks Creek. Known among his neighbors as "Greasy Dan", to distinguish him from an uncle of the same name, and a number of the best people in that neighborhood have expressed their opinion of his treatment of the child in no gentle terms. The grand jury will be called on to investigate the child's death thoroughly at their next session.

Meeting.

A meeting has been called for at the school house Saturday night, to discuss road matters and everyone interested in the pikes is earnestly invited to attend and take part in the discussion. Several important propositions will be submitted.

STANTON COLLEGE.

Commencement Entertainments!

May 20—May 24.

PROGRAM:

Saturday May 20, 2 p. m. Primary Play
Sabbath May 21, 11 a. m. Baccalaureate Sermon
Monday May 22, 2 p. m. Music Recital
Tuesday May 23, 7.30 p. m. High School Play
Admission 15 and 25 cents
Wednesday May 24, 7.30 p. m. Graduation Exercises
Address by Rev. Dr. J. W. Tyler of Danville.

Remember the Dates

Saturday, May 20, To Wednesday, May 24

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